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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SAK SUTSAKHAN

REF: A. JAKARTA 12288; B. KUALA LUMPUR 4461 (NOTAL)

1. SPECIAL KHMER ENVOY MAJOR GENERAL SAK SUTSAKHAN, IN
COMPANY OF KHMER AMBASSADOR OUNG SIEAM, CALLED ON ME
OCT 17 AT END OF HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT TO INDONESIA.

SAK SUTSAKHAN STATED HE WAS WELL RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT
SUHARTO, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK (REF A) AND CHIEF OF

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COMMAND FOR RESTORATION OF SECURITY AND ORDER(KOPKAMTIB)

GENERAL SUMITRO. SAK SUTSAKHAN DESCRIBED DOCUMENTS WHICH HE SHOWED INDONESIANS IN TERMS SIMILAR TO THOSE REPORTED PARA 3 REF B AND STATED HIS INTERLOCUTORS WERE IMPRESSED WITH EVIDENCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE EXPANSIONIST POLICY CONTAINED THEREIN. HE ADDED HE HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED IN BANGKOK BY THANOM (WHOM HE RUEFULLY NOTED IS NO LONGER THERE), IN KUALA LUMPUR BY PRIME MINISTER RAZAK, AND IN SINGAPORE BY FOREIGN OFFICE DEPUTY ISHAK.

2. SAT SUTSAKHAN SAID THAT MALIK PROMISED ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING UN SEAT FOR KHMER REPUBLIC BUT REFLECTED CONCERN OVER ITS CHANCES OF SUCCESS. SAT SUTSAKHAN NOTED THAT IN KHMER REPUBLIC'S EFFORTS TO COUNTER SIHANOUK'S ATTEMPTS, THE INFLUENCE AND EFFORTS OF PRC VIS-A-VIS AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAS BEEN A MAJOR DRAWBACK.

3. I REFERRED TO MALIK'S STATEMENT TO ME THAT EFFORTS TO SEAT GRUNK MIGHT BE CONTAINED IN GENERAL COMMITTEE BUT THAT IF THE ITEM GOT ON THE AGENDA, IT WOULD CARRY IN UNGA BY A LARGE VOTE, AND SUGGESTED KHMER GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS ATTENTION ON GENERAL COMMITTEE. SAK SUTSAKHAN INDICATED HE WAS AWARE OF THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION. I ALSO PARAPHRASED FOR SAK SUTSAKHAN MALIK'S COMMENT TO ME OCT 16 THAT WHILE IT IS IMPORTANT TO TRY TO DEFEAT GRUNK EFFORT AT UN, THE MOST VITAL DECISION WILL BE MADE IN CAMBODIA BY CAMBODIANS.

4. REMAINDER OF ONE HOUR CONVERSATION WAS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO SAK SUTSAKHAN'S EXPOSITION OF SITUATION IN CAMBODIA, AND HIS BELIEF THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE WOULD NEVER AGREE TO LEAVE CAMBODIA ALONE UNLESS FORCED TO DO SO. HE GAVE AS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THE SUGGESTION THAT IF ALL INTERESTED SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS SHOULD FORM COMMON FRONT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
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